



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE

Greenville

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 969

Principal: Becky Greene

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Roger Meek

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

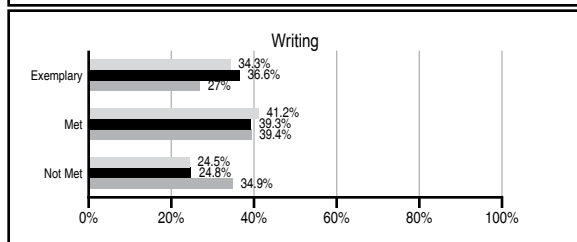
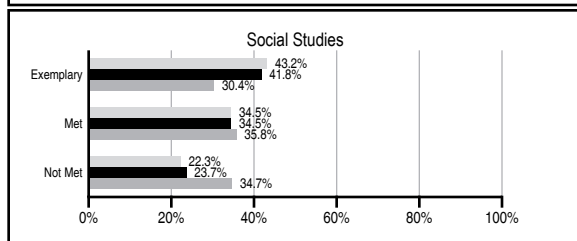
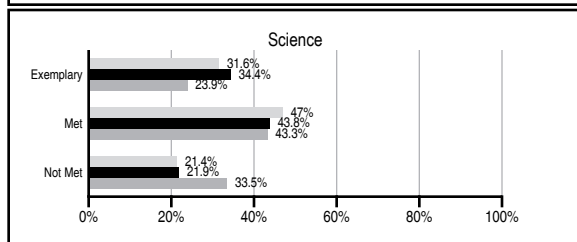
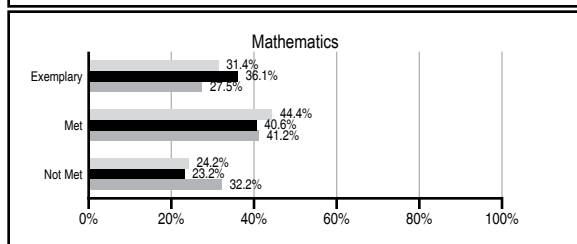
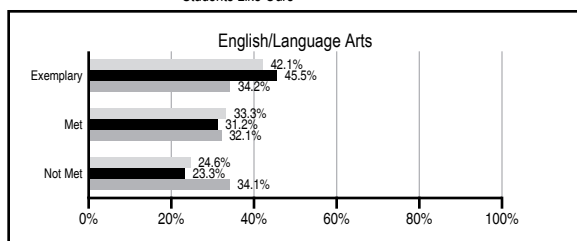
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	12	7	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	45	32	22	1
Nation	38	33	28	1
% Below Basic   % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	96.8
English 1	97.8	96.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	94.8
Physical Science	N/A	35.2
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100
All Subjects	98.8	96.1

## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=969)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.1%	Up from 11.1%	34.2%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	0.4%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.1%	96.3%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.7%	Down from 19.4%	24.3%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	13.3%	Up from 13.0%	7.2%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Up from 0.8%	1.0%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	74.0%	Up from 67.3%	60.0%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Up from 81.8%	82.6%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Up from 94.0%	90.1%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 96.3%	95.0%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,046	Up 1.0%	\$47,506	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.8%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.5 days	Up from 3.4 days	9.6 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.8 to 1	Up from 23.2 to 1	23.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Down from 92.5%	90.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.2%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,956	Down 3.0%	\$6,790	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.7%	Down from 65.7%	66.1%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.8%	Up from 61.7%	64.0%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Down from 100.0%	85.7%	80.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	300	123
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.8%	86.3%	91.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.6%	90.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.3%	76.0%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge Middle School

**Profile**  
Blue Ridge Middle School is a rural public school located in the northern part of Greenville County. BRMS began its existence in 1986 occupying the building formerly used as Blue Ridge High School and constructed in 1953. The middle school had a beginning enrollment in the low 400s and a small teaching staff. In the early 1990s the school experienced rapid growth with enrollment rising to the 700s. In the past ten years enrollment has increased to the current enrollment of 972, Caucasian 91%, African American 5%, Hispanic 3%, other <1%. BRMS has the largest geographic attendance area in the Greenville County School District, encompassing homes from the finest upscale communities to communities of rural economic deprivation. Thirty-one percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Forty-seven percent of the students use the bus transportation in the afternoon. Fourteen percent of the students receive special education services.

**Mission, Vision & Beliefs**  
Our Mission: Reaching, Teaching, Inspiring  
A vision is a specific description of what it will be like when the mission is achieved. So, based on the belief that our mission at Blue Ridge Middle School is to reach all students, teach all students, and inspire all students, we are confident that when we achieve our purpose we will feel, see, and hear things like...a unified nurturing environment, active learning and positive communication. Values and beliefs are the core of who we are, what we do, and how we think and feel. Values and beliefs reflect what is important to us; they describe what we think about work and how we think it should operate.

Becky Greene, Principal  
Will Snipes, SIC Co-chair  
Jon Ballard, SIC Co-chair

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